

## FOUR SCHOOLS OPENED.

PACKER, ADELPHI. POLYTECHNIC AND  
PRATT BEGIN THEIR TERMS.

ADDRESSES BY THE HEADS OF THE INSTITUTIONS—FULL CLASSES PRESENT—GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE EDUCA-

The chapel of the Packer Institute was thronged yesterday with pupils and guests. The members of the graduating class of '96 were nearly all present. The girls first occupied their accustomed seats in the centre front of the chapel and after singing their class hymns made way for the senior class of the year. The members of the faculty were all on the platform.

Bryan H. Smith, acting president of the Board of Trustees since the death of Judge Van Cott, made an address of welcome after the chapel services. Truman J. Backus, president of the faculty, said

that about every fourth face was new to him. He asked the older pupils to extend the hospitality of the institute to the newcomers, and hoped that they in their turn would remember it and pass it on to their successors, keeping in mind always that it is the constant efforts of the students that keep the institute on a high plane, and that its present fine position is due to the students of bygone years. Dr. Backus

then read the obituaries of Roberta Harper, of Brooklyn, and Reba Hiscock, of Syracuse, N. Y., and bore high testimony to their graces of character and the dignity of their work.

The students of the institute will not have to drink water from the city must use. An early train each morning will bring a supply of fresh, pure water from the Monroe Spring, West Deer Park, Long Island. This action has been taken by the trustees to insure the preservation of health so far as the water supply is concerned. There are 200 new pupils

The doors of the Adelphi Academy were again thrown open yesterday. The exercises began with prayer by the Rev. Charles Homer, of the Episcopal Church. Dr. Charles H. Levermore, of the principal school followed with a prayer. He then introduced the Rev. Commissioner Timothy L. Woodford, who congratulated the pupils on their connection with the college. General Stewart L. Woodford, a former member of the Board of Trustees, spoke of the Adelphi as an educational trust, as it combined all grades from the kindergarten to the complete college course. The increased opportunities should be taken advantage of to the utmost extent by the pupils, as it was unwomanly and ungrateful to neglect the advantages of the college in possession of these opportunities. He believed the Long Island side of the Greater New York was destined to have the greater population, and that the city of Long Island City, with its colleges and the Packer likely to become one, the city ought to have a University. It would be a growth rather than a transplant. The University of the City of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences was one of the best in the country, and we should undoubtedly have one of the finest uni-

The Polytechnic Institute was opened with the usual exercises. Dr. Cochran, the principal, delivered an address, paying high tribute to the

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**SOMEBODY'S DOG BIT JOHN CHAMBERS**

An action has been started in the Supreme Court by John Chambers to recover \$3,000 damages from Fred C. Cochen, who was formerly secretary of the Nassau Electric Railway company. Mr. Chambers is a bicycle rider, and his indulgence in that apparently harmless amusement was the indirect cause of the action. He declares that on June 10, 1896, he was riding his wheel. Seventh-avenue, when a large white-and-yellow dog rushed furiously at him and inflicted a wound on his leg with its teeth which has since caused him much pain and anguish both in body and mind, to his great damage in the sum of \$3,000. He declares also that Mr. Cochen was the owner of

that dog; it was known to be a ferocious and mischievous animal and accustomed to attack and bite mankind, and that Mr. Cocheu had no business to allow it to run around the streets, that account for Mr. Cocheu's paying the damages.

The ex-secretary of the railroad company, through his counsel, James C. Church, the present secretary of the city, made answer and said that he never owned any kind of a dog, that if he did own a dog it would not be of the large white-and-yellow kind, nor would it be a ferocious animal, and that he would not pay for the damages. He declares that he really does not see why he should be called upon to pay for the damages to Mr. Chambers's leg.

**THE COURT-MARTIAL ADJOURNED.**  
The court-martial ordered to try Lieutenant Mahoney, of the United States Marine Corps, met yesterday at 1 o'clock p. m., in Building No. 1. After the preliminaries of organization had been completed, the accused officer asked that Captain L. W. Waller be placed in charge of the marine guard. The Indiana, he permitted a staff of his counsel, and an adjournment be taken until 10 o'clock this morning, when his counsel would be present. The retention of Captain Waller means that the accused will fight the charges. It is not yet known whether

The work of putting new keel blocks in the stone dock was nearly finished yesterday, and the Chicago will be docked either Thursday or Friday, and the Chicago will be moved from the pier the Atlanta will be brought over from the Cob dock and stripped for repairs.

*BURIED SIDE BY SIDE.*

A week ago yesterday Abraham L. Hopkins was buried in the cemetery of the New-Lots Reformed Church in New-Lots Road, near Schenck-ave. Yesterday his wife, Maria T. Hopkins, was buried by the side of her husband. Abraham Hopkins was the son of David Hopkins, of New-Lots-ave. and

Warwick-st., who was one of the wealthiest as well as one of the most popular residents of the Twenty-sixth Ward, and for twenty-eight years was superintendent of the Reformed Sunday-school. Young Hopkins was only nineteen years old when he married, ten years or more ago. Mrs. Hopkins was to fill to attend her husband's funeral last week, and the shock of his death had much to do with hastening her own end. They left two daughters, one nine years old, and the other seven, who are not

**HE THINKS HIS WIFE HAS ELOPED.**  
Henry W. Gamble, a druggist, at No. 343 Smith st., Brooklyn has asked the police to look for his wife, who left home on Monday of last week, and who, he fears, has eloped. On Monday evening about bedtime Mrs. Gamble went downstairs into the drugstore, where her husband was, and told

him she was on her way out to make some purchases at the grocery. Gamble was surprised when, a couple of hours later, he found she had not yet returned. A hurried investigation showed that she had taken her jewelry and some other valuable items to a pawnshop inquiry at his father-in-law's home, prompted by the fact that Mrs. Gamble had not been there. He was told a couple of days later that his wife had been seen with a young man in New-York.

**USED A RAZOR TO FULFIL HIS THREAT.**  
Martin Marks, forty years old, of Breeze's Lane, near Rockaway-ave., Canarsie, was found dead in

his home by his wife at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man had been working at intervals for ex-County Treasurer Harry Adams. Marks had

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